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TO: EA - MR. HOLBROOKE

FROM: EA/J - NICHOLAS PLATT

1. SECURITY ACTION OFFICER MEETING (UNCLASSIFIED)

ISA SPONSORED A ONE DAY MEETING APRIL 12 AT FORT MCNAIR OF THOSE WORKING ON JAPANESE SECURITY ISSUES. THE SESSION PROVIDED AN EXCELLENT FORUM TO REVIEW PROGRESS, DISCUSS VARIOUS SCENARIOS AND TRY TO ESTIMATE HOW THE SECURITY PICTURE WILL LOOK 3-5 YEARS FROM NOW. THE MEETING, WHICH BROUGHT TOGETHER PARTICIPANTS FROM CIA, JCS, DIA AND OSD,
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IN ADDITION TO ISA AND STATE, PRODUCED NO SURPRISES. ALL THOSE INVOLVED, HOWEVER, FOUND IT VERY WORTHWHILE FROM THE STANDPOINT OF EXCHANGING INFORMATION AND VIEWS AND DOING SOME FREE-THINKING ABOUT THE BIG PICTURE. WE ARE CONSIDERING MAKING IT A SEMI-ANNUAL FEATURE.

2. HIGH LEVEL DEFENSE VISITS (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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A CAPSULE REVIEW OF COMING HIGH LEVEL DEFENSE EXCHANGE SHOWS THAT JDA CHIEF SHIN KANEMARU HAS BEEN INVITED TO THE US AND WILL PROBABLY COME IN JUNE OR JULY. THE VISIT WILL CHIEFLY BE OF A GET-ACQUAINTED NATURE AND WILL LIKELY HAVE KANEMARU SPENDING ABOUT ONE DAY IN WASHINGTON WITH EXTENSIVE VISITS TO US BASES AROUND THE COUNTRY. THE INCOMING JCS CHAIRMAN, GENERAL JONES, WOULD LIKE TO INVITE HIS COUNTERPART, GENERAL KURISU, TO VISIT WASHINGTON. AN INVITATION WILL PROBABLY BE ISSUED SOON AFTER JONES IS FULLY ENSCONCED. THE MOST LIKELY TIME FOR THE VISIT WOULD PROBABLY BE IN SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER. SECDEF BROWN IS HOPING TO VISIT JAPAN, AND THE MOST LIKELY TIME AT THIS DATE SEEMS TO BE MID OR LATE FALL. CHRISTOPHER

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